

State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: TIGER TROUT PLANT IN FOREST LAKE

Description of Proposal: Plant Tiger Trout in Forest Lake to control goldfish.

WDFW will conduct a biological assessment of Forest Lake to determine existing fish presence and abundance prior to stocking tiger trout. Following this initial assessment the lake will be stocked at a rate of 50-200 tiger trout per surface acre. Agency staff will conduct annual post tiger trout stocking assessments beginning in fall of 2014 to determine how existing fish populations respond to the stocking event. Subsequent stocking will be determined based on tiger trout survival, growth, and potential as a biological solution to illegally stocked goldfish.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Forest Service road system 7222, US Forest Service, Washington, Pierce County; Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Township 19 North, Range 10 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **September 11, 2013.**

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

Email to <u>SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov</u>

- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/ Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

SIGNATURE:

Bob Zeigler

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)

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2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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